

# Dr. George Mellos

**Deputy Director, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
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Dr. George Mellos is the deputy director for the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, he provides policy leadership for public behavioral health and developmental disabilities services and oversight for the Bureau of Community Based Services, Bureau of Hospitals and Administrative Operations, Services to Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance Division and the Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Section.

With more than 36 years of diverse experience in psychiatry, Dr. Mellos began his residency in adult psychiatry at the former Sinai Hospital of Detroit, an affiliate of Wayne State University, and completed a residency in child/adolescent psychiatry at the Hawthorn Center through Wayne State University. He practiced as a child psychiatrist at the Hawthorn Center from 1987 to 1997 and then served as Section Chief in the Psychiatry Department until 1999. In 2002, he became Chief Psychiatrist and two years later the Chief of Clinical Affairs.

In March 2015, Dr. Mellos was appointed as the Hospital Director for the Hawthorn Center, where he promoted many innovative child treatment care initiatives, chaired multiple committees, supported evidence-based research and treatment and restructured numerous policies and procedures. He provided oversight of the Children's Transition Support Team, which partners with families and community providers to develop plans that include specialized services and enhanced supports for hospitalized children and youth returning to the community.

Dr. Mellos graduated with honors from the Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1982.

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